

Claims:

1. A method of protecting the interior of a mold, the method comprising:
providing a mold;
coating the interior of the mold with an etchant-resistant material;
applying a mask over a portion of the etchant-resistant material while leaving other portions of the etchant-resistant material exposed;
selectively removing the exposed portions of the etchant-resistant material; and
etching those portions of the mold that are exposed.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the mask is readily stretchable by at least 10 percent.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the mask is wetted to increase its stretchability prior to applying it over the acid-resistant material.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the mask comprises an ethylenically unsaturated material.
5. A method of protecting the interior of a mold, the method comprising:
providing a mold;
coating the interior of the mold with an acid-resistant material;
providing a photosensitive laminate containing a photosensitive material;
removing a portion of the photosensitive laminate;

applying the photosensitive laminate over the acid-resistant material coating the interior of the mold;

selectively removing a portion of the acid-resistant material corresponding the removed portions of the photosensitive laminate using an abrasive.

etching those portions of the mold that are exposed.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive laminate is readily stretchable by at least 10 percent.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive laminate is wetted to increase its stretchability prior to applying it over the acid-resistant material.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material is developable with aqueous media.

9. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises a photopolymer.

10. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises a photoinitiator and a monomer, an oligomer, or a combination of monomer and oligomer.

11. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises an ethylenically unsaturated material.

12. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises an acrylate material.
13. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises a water-soluble, photosensitive vinyl polymer.
13. The method of claim 13, wherein the water soluble, photosensitive vinyl polymer comprises a polyvinyl alcohol polymer.
14. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive layer comprises less than 75% by weight of a water soluble, photosensitive vinyl polymer having pendent hydroxyl groups and being capable of photo-generated insolubility and less than 75 weight percent of a polymeric film-forming binder.
15. The method of clam 5, wherein the photopolymer has pendant, photo-crosslinkable, styryl groups.
16. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive material comprises less than 50 weight percent of a photopolymer, about 30 to 90 weight percent of a binder resin, and about 0 to 40 weight percent of a compatible plasticizers.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the photosensitive material comprises about 15 to 50 weight percent of a photopolymer having pendant, photo-crosslinkable, styryl groups, about 50 to 80 weight percent of a binder resin, and about 0 to 15 weight percent of a compatible plasticizer.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein the first layer further comprises a plasticizer.
19. The method of claim 5, wherein the laminate further comprises a support layer.
20. The method of claim 5, wherein the photosensitive laminate film is flexible.